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Description: ff. 15 - Modern limp vellum, made from an erased document. - Purchased 5 Oct. 1973 from Bernard M. Rosenthal on the Edwin J. Beinecke Fund.

Notes: -Manuscript on paper of an anonymous text providing a comprehensive plan for recapturing Constantinople and all the lands that had fallen to the Turks, probably unrecorded. It deals in detail with all aspects of the Crusade planned by Pope Pius II: political, religious, strategic, tactic, economical, psychological, logistics, armament, transportation, alliances, chances of success, etc. Probably written by an advisor of the Pope after the representatives of the various European princes ("oratores") and especially those of Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy, had given their opinion on the matter during the Council of Mantua convoked by the Pope (1459-January 1460). The author calls Italy "hec inclita et potentissima natio Italica" and proposes that the Crusade should be lead by the Pope himself. Although all European nations are to participate, the first role is expected to be played by the "illustrissimus dominus dux Burgundie".

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

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Language: Latin *Country:* Italy *Century:* 15th

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Part 1:

Description: - paper - similar to Briquet 14382 (?). - 205 x 160 mm.

Country: Italy

Cardinal point:

Region: Italy (Mantua?)

City:

Assigned Date: 1459-1461.

Searchable Date Range: 1459 - 1461

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes:

Script: Written probably by the author himself in Humanistica Cursiva Currens.

Notes: Undecorated. Binding: Modern limp vellum, made from an erased document.

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1:

Title: Plan for a crusade against the Turks.

Subjects: Pius II, Pope, 1405-1464.; Crusades--13th-15th centuries.; Crusades--Early works to 1800.; Manuscripts, Medieval--Connecticut--New Haven.; Italy--Politics and government--1268-1559.;

Language(s): Latin